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Drosophila Report Delayed

The release of the second of two reports on Drosophila control, announced for July 16 in the INFORMATION LETTER of July 14, page 255, has been temporarily delayed. Petitions have been filed with the Food and Drug Administration requesting that pyrethrins and piperonyl butoxide be exempted from the requirement of tolerances when applied to harvested tomatoes. It was hoped these petitions would be approved before July 20, to permit inclusion of recommendations for their use in Drosophila control.

Since the provisions of Public Law 518 become fully effective on these materials for such use on July 22, it will be necessary to await the establishment of appropriate exemptions or tolerances before releasing recommendations for Drosophila control on tomatoes after harvest.

FDA approval is expected shortly, and the reports will be sent promptly to all canners processing tomatoes and to those requesting them as soon as the required action has been taken.

Change in FDA Standard of Identity for Canned Prune Juice

In the *Federal Register* for February 17, there was published a proposed order establishing a definition and standard of identity for canned prune juice. The order was to be effective six months from the date of publication but any adversely affected person was afforded 30 days to file objections and request a hearing on any portion of the order to which exception was taken.

In the July 14 *Register*, a notice has been published that W. F. Straub & Company had filed an objection stating that the Company will be adversely affected because of the failure to include honey as an optional ingredient. This notice provides, however, that the proposed standard will go into effect on August 17, 1956, as originally provided, but that it will be stayed insofar as it does not permit the addition of honey, until such

Enactment of Cranberry Production and Marketing Legislation Appears Unlikely This Session

With final adjournment of the 84th Congress expected by the end of the month, enactment of cranberry production and marketing control legislation, which the Association has vigorously opposed on behalf of the entire canning industry, appears unlikely. Since the bill is in the class of minor legislation, the fact that the Senate Committee on Agriculture has failed to hold hearings and the failure of the House to consider the measure on Wednesday, July 18—a special calendar day, apparently will preclude its passage in the adjournment rush to act on major or so-called must measures.

Under date of July 11, the Association wrote Chairman Allen J. Ellender of the Senate Committee on Agriculture a request for an opportunity to testify on the pending Senate bill, S. 2933. An acknowledgment from Senator Ellender dated July 18, advised the Association that the Committee feels the bill should not be reported without hearings, which the subcommittee had not been able to find time to hold.

Petition for Tuna Standards

The National Canners Association along with 20 domestic canners of tuna fish on July 18 petitioned the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for standards of identity and fill of container for canned tuna. The petition was accompanied with information supporting the request, and suggesting proposed text for such standards.

Although the House Committee on Agriculture voted to report H. R. 8384 and the formal report was filed in the House on July 16, Committee Chairman Harold D. Cooley of the House Agriculture Committee was not able to call the bill up for debate on July 18 when the Committee took advantage of the special "Calendar Wednesday" provision of the House Rules. The important agricultural trade development legislation under which surplus agricultural commodities are disposed of in friendly foreign nations was made the subject of debate and occupied the House for the entire day.

House action could be obtained on the bill under suspension of the rules proceedings or through the reporting of a special rule by the House Rules Committee. For a bill to pass when considered under suspension of the rules it must command a two thirds majority. Also, a proponent of the bill must be able to obtain leadership approval in order to be recognized to move consideration of the measure. Normally, controversial measures are not brought before the House under suspension of the rules.

The main function of the Rules Committee is to assist the House leadership in arranging the legislative program. In the closing days of a Congress, it would be unusual for the Rules Committee to provide for House consideration of a minor bill unless it had special significance.

time as a hearing can be held on this one point. Notice of the date of a public hearing to receive evidence on the inclusion in the definition and standard of identity for canned prune juice of a provision permitting the addition of limited amounts of honey will be announced at a later date by publication in the *Register*.

The proposed standard of identity as originally published contained in section (c) (1) a provision that the wording "a water extract of dried prunes" shall appear on the label in the same style and "not less than half the height and half the width of the type used for the words 'prune juice'." The notice just published states that the standard, as it will actually go into effect on August 17, will contain in section (c) (1) a slight change in this provision. The wording "a

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Prune Juice Standard

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water extract of dried prunes" will be required to be of the same style and "not less than half the point size of the type used for the words 'prune juice'." The reason for this minor change is that in actual printing, when the size of type is reduced, the reductions in the height and width are not necessarily in the same proportion.

Following is text of the proposed definition and standard of identity for canned prune juice as it will be effective on August 17, 1956:

§27.60 Canned prune juice; identity; label statement of optional ingredients.

(a) Canned prune juice is the food prepared from a water extract of dried prunes and contains not less than 18.5 percent by weight of water-soluble solids extracted from dried prunes. The quantity of prune solids may be adjusted by the concentration, or dilution, or both, of the water extract or extracts made. Such food may contain one or more of the optional acidifying ingredients specified in paragraph (b) of this section, in a quantity sufficient to render the food slightly tart. Such food is sealed in a container and so processed by heat, before or after sealing, as to prevent spoilage.

(b) The optional acidifying ingredients referred to in paragraph (a) of this section are:

- (1) Lemon juice.
- (2) Lime juice.
- (3) Citric acid.

(c) (1) The name of the food is "Prune juice—A water extract of dried prunes." For the purposes of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act concerning the label declaration of the name of the food, the explanatory statement "A water extract of dried prunes" may appear immediately below the words "prune juice," but there shall be no intervening written, printed, or graphic matter, and the type used for the words "A water extract of dried prunes" shall be of the same style and not less than half the point size of the type used for the words "prune juice."

(2) When one or more of the acidifying ingredients specified in paragraph (b) of this section are used, the label shall bear the statement "..... added" or "with added" the blank being filled in with the name or names of the optional ingredients used.

(3) Wherever the name of the food appears on the label so conspicuously as to be easily seen under customary conditions of purchase, the words

specified in this paragraph, showing the optional ingredients used, shall immediately and conspicuously precede or follow such name, without intervening written, printed or graphic matter.

Season Packs and Stocks of Pineapple and Juice

The Pineapple Growers Association of Hawaii has revised its data on June 1, 1956, stocks of pineapple and pineapple juice, as well as the figures for the year's accumulative shipments, which were reported in the July 7 INFORMATION LETTER.

The report on the 1956 season pack of canned pineapple and pineapple juice, together with carryover stocks and season shipments, revised as to stocks and shipments, is as follows:

CANNED PINEAPPLE

	1954-55	1955-56
	(actual cases)	
Carryover, June 1.....	6,672,073	5,802,117
Pack.....	17,976,739	19,948,091
Total supply.....	24,648,812	25,750,208
Stocks, June 1.....	5,802,117	6,157,879
Shipments, June 1-June 1..	18,846,695	19,592,329

PINEAPPLE JUICE

	1954-55	1955-56
	(actual cases)	
Carryover, June 1.....	4,563,764	5,390,766
Pack.....	14,291,984	14,212,874
Total supply.....	18,855,748	19,603,640
Stocks, June 1.....	5,390,766	6,611,066
Shipments, June 1-June 1..	13,464,982	14,992,574

* Carryover into 1956-57 season.

Canned Foods Safety Endorsed by Scientist

The safety of commercially canned foods has been given an important endorsement by Dr. James R. Wilson, Secretary of the Council on Foods and Nutrition of the American Medical Association. Contributing an article warning about several possible sources of contamination of the family's summer food, Dr. Wilson makes the statement: "Cooking time and temperatures of all commercially canned vegetables and meats in this country are calculated with extreme care to prevent any possibility of botulinus poisoning. Canning of alkaline vegetables is a science amateurs should not attempt without expert guidance."

The article appeared in the July 8 issue of *This Week Magazine*, syndicated Sunday newspaper supplement with circulation of 11,145,777, and was authorized by the American Medical Association.

Intentions to Purchase for School Lunch Program

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announces that it contemplates purchasing canned green snap beans and canned peaches for the National School Lunch Program.

The canned green beans must be cut style round type of the 1956 pack. Offers may be submitted in No. 10, No. 2, or No. 303 cans; grading, Fancy; and are for delivery during the period August 20 through September 24.

Offers should be submitted to the Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C., not later than 5 P.M. EDT, July 27 for acceptance not later than August 3.

The canned peaches sought are Clingstone or Freestone (Lovells and Kim Elverta excluded), halves, slices, or quarters, packed during 1956. Offers may be submitted now in No. 10 or No. 2½ cans; No. 10's preferred. Offers of No. 2's will be considered on a basis competitive with No. 10's (that is, at an equal cost for equal drained weight content). All offers must be received by USDA not later than 9 A. M. EDT, August 7.

Canned Foods for VA

The Veterans Administration, General Supplies Section, Procurement Division, Supply Service, Washington 25, D. C., has invited sealed bids to furnish the following canned foods:

TOMATOES—27,250 dozen No. 10 cans, Extra Standard (Grade B), complying with Federal Specification JJJ-T-571b, Type I; or equivalent in No. 2½ or No. 2 cans; f.o.b. origin or destination. Bids due under S-15-57 by August 14.

TOMATOES, DIETETIC (SODIUM RESTRICTED)—12,500 dozen No. 303 cans, Extra Standard (Grade B), complying with Federal Specification JJJ-T-571b, Type I; or equivalent in No. 2 cans; f.o.b. origin or destination. Bids due under S-15-57 by August 14.

FRUIT COCKTAIL—7,750 dozen No. 10 cans, Choice (Grade B), packed in heavy sirup; complying with Federal Specification Z-P-681a; or equivalent in No. 2½ or No. 2 cans; f.o.b. origin or destination. Bids due under S-15-57 by August 7.

PEARS, BARTLETT—12,750 dozen No. 10 cans, Choice (Grade B), packed in heavy sirup; complying with Federal Specification Z-P-201e, Type I, Style I; or equivalent in No. 2½ or No. 2 cans; f.o.b. origin or destination. Bids due under S-15-57 by August 7.

PEARS, BARTLETT (DIETETIC)—16,000 dozen No. 303 cans, halved, Choice (Grade B) packed in water; complying with Federal Specification Z-P-201e, Type I, Style I; f.o.b. origin or destination. Bids due under S-15-57 by August 7.

PEACHES, YELLOW CLINGSTONE—14,250 dozen No. 10 cans, halved, Choice (Grade B), packed in heavy sirup; complying with Federal Specification Z-P-191a and Amendment 2, Type I, Style I; or equivalent in No. 2½ or No. 2 cans; f.o.b. origin or destination. Bids due under S-15-57 by August 1.

PEACHES (DIETETIC), YELLOW CLINGSTONE—16,000 dozen No. 303 cans, halved, Choice (Grade B), packed in water; complying with Federal Specification Z-P-191a and Amendment 2, Type I, Style I, or equivalent in No. 2½ or No. 2 cans; f.o.b. origin or destination. Bids due under 8-10-57 by August 1.

PEACHES, YELLOW CLINGSTONE—3,900 dozen No. 10 cans, sliced, Choice (Grade B), packed in heavy sirup; complying with Federal Specification Z-P-191a and Amendment 2, Type I, Style I, or equivalent in No. 2½ or No. 2 cans; f.o.b. origin or destination. Bids due under 8-10-57 by August 1.

PEACHES, YELLOW FREESTONE—7,900 dozen No. 10 cans, halved, Choice (Grade B), packed in heavy sirup; complying with Federal Specification Z-P-191a and Amendment 2, Type II(a) Yellow, Style I; or equivalent in No. 2½ or No. 2 cans; f.o.b. origin or destination. Bids due under 8-10-57 by August 1.

PEACHES, YELLOW FREESTONE—4,750 dozen No. 10 cans, sliced, Choice (Grade B), packed in heavy sirup; complying with Federal Specification Z-P-191a and Amendment 2, Type II(a) Yellow, Style I; or equivalent in No. 2½ or No. 2 cans; f.o.b. origin or destination. Bids due under 8-10-57 by August 1.

PEACHES, YELLOW CLINGSTONE or YELLOW FREESTONE—1,675 dozen No. 10 cans, sliced, solid-pack (Grade C), packed without water or

sirup; complying with Federal Specification Z-P-191a and Amendment 2, Type I or II(a) Yellow, Style I; or equivalent in No. 2½ or No. 2 cans; f.o.b. origin or destination. Bids due under 8-10-57 by August 1.

PINEAPPLE, SLICES (WHOLE)—6,125 dozen No. 10 cans, medium size, fancy (Grade A); complying with Federal Specification Z-P-351c, Style I, Medium slices, Fancy (Grade A), packed in extra heavy sirup; or equivalent in No. 2½ or No. 2 cans; f.o.b. origin or destination. Bids due under 8-8-57 by August 7.

PINEAPPLE, TIDBITS—3,550 dozen No. 10 cans; complying with Federal Specification Z-P-351c, Style II, Fancy (Grade A), packed in extra heavy sirup; or equivalent in No. 2½ or No. 2 cans; f.o.b. origin or destination. Bids due under 8-8-57 by August 7.

PINEAPPLE, CRUSHED, HEAVY PACK—2,900 dozen No. 10 cans; complying with Federal Specification Z-P-351c, Style IV (b), Fancy (Grade A), sweetened extra heavy; or equivalent in No. 2½ or No. 2 cans; f.o.b. origin or destination. Bids due under 8-8-57 by August 7.

PINEAPPLE JUICE—25,450 dozen No. 10 cans; complying with Federal Specification Z-P-356, Fancy (Grade A); f.o.b. origin or destination. Bids due under 8-8-57 by August 7.

PINEAPPLE SLICES (WHOLE)—9,500 dozen No. 2 cans; medium size, Fancy (Grade A), complying with Federal Specification Z-P-351c, Style I; packed in water; or equivalent in No. 2 cans; f.o.b. origin or destination. Bids due under 8-8-57 by August 7.

Nuclear Slides Shown

The color slide presentation of the nuclear tests of canned foods was shown May 29 before 65 members of the State College, Pa., Rotary Club by Professor Frank B. Thomas of the Pennsylvania State University.

They were shown also to 22 members of the Mohawk Valley Section, Institute of Food Technologists, at their June 7 meeting under the sponsorship of E. J. Abeling, associate director of research, Beech-Nut Packing Company, Canajoharie, N. Y.

About 10 technicians in the Agricultural Marketing Service who have defense responsibilities on civil defense food problems saw the slide presentation on June 18, at a special showing arranged by Irvin L. Rice, acting director, Special Services Division of the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service.

Pack of Canned Meat

The quantity of meat canned and meat products processed under federal inspection during the month of June has been reported by the Agricultural Marketing Service of USDA at 159,731 thousand pounds, including quantities for defense.

CANNED MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION JUNE, 1956

	3 Lbs. Under & over 3 Lbs.	Total (thousands of pounds)
Luncheon meat.....	13,539	11,009 24,549
Canned ham.....	10,972	538 11,510
Beef hash.....	250	5,883 6,133
Chili con carne.....	838	6,289 7,146
Vienna sausage.....	56	4,664 4,720
Frankfurters and wieners in brine.....	8	116 124
Deviled ham.....		698 698
Other potted and deviled meat products.....		3,187 3,187
Tamales.....	5	1,766 1,771
Sliced, dried beef.....	3	311 313
Chopped beef.....		1,493 1,493
Meat stew.....	212	5,002 5,214
Spaghetti meat products	173	7,386 7,529
Tongue (not pickled)...	45	126 171
Vinegar pickled products	774	1,348 2,122
Sausage.....	6	220 226
Hamburger.....	133	2,670 2,803
Soups.....	1,350	49,547 50,906
Sausage in oil.....	129	300 429
Tripe.....		724 724
Brains.....		198 198
Loins and Pienies.....	2,059	134 2,193
All other products 20% or more meat.....	229	6,589 6,818
All other products less than 20% meat (ex- cept soup).....		426 16,790 17,216
Total all products.....	31,236	126,956 158,193

Columns do not add to totals shown in all cases since rounded figures are used. Amounts packed for defense are not included in these items. Total production, including quantities for defense agencies, was 159,731 thousand pounds.

QMC Requirements for Five Canned Food Products

Tentative requirements for a group of canned food items from the 1956 pack to meet the requirements of the armed forces were announced July 18 by the Department of Defense.

The requirements cover canned blueberries, carrots, fruit cocktail, pineapple juice, and pears.

Procurement will be effected by the various Market Center offices of the Army Quartermaster Market Center System, with headquarters at 226 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 9, Ill.

Prepared by the Army QMC, the following estimated requirements, subject to modification, are listed to aid industry in planning 1956 production. Grades, types and desired can sizes, along with conversions using Army Supply Bulletin SB 10-485 from pounds to cases, are indicated:

Item	Grade	Type and/or Style	Can Size	Quantity (cases)
Blueberries.....	A (Fancy) or B (Choice)	Water Pack I or II	No. 300.....	11,040
			No. 10.....	69,307
Carrots.....	A (Fancy) or C (Standard)	II (Sliced) or III (Quartered)	Total.....	80,347
			No. 303.....	47,208
Fruit Cocktail.....	B (Choice)	Heavy or Extra Heavy Sirup Pack	No. 10.....	114,627
			Total.....	161,835
Juice, Pineapple.....	A (Fancy)	Single Strength Unsweetened	No. 2½.....	43,178
			No. 10.....	154,393
Pears.....	B (Choice)	Heavy Sirup Pack I (Barlett) or II (Halved) or III (Quartered)	Total.....	197,573
			No. 2.....	13,318
Pears.....	B (Choice)	Heavy Sirup Pack I (Barlett) or II (Halved) or III (Quartered)	No. 3 Cyl.....	24,921
			Total.....	38,239
Pears.....	B (Choice)	Heavy Sirup Pack I (Barlett) or II (Halved) or III (Quartered)	No. 2½.....	61,080
			No. 10.....	327,748
Pears.....	B (Choice)	Heavy Sirup Pack I (Barlett) or II (Halved) or III (Quartered)	Total.....	388,837

Status of Legislation

Agricultural trade development—H. R. 11708, to increase the authorization under P. L. 480 (83d Congress) from \$1.5 to \$3 billion, was reported by the House Agriculture Committee June 18. A similar bill, S. 3903, was passed by the Senate July 3 and passed by the House July 18 with amendments.

Alaskan fisheries—H. R. 8405, to transfer supervision of Alaskan fish and game from the Interior Department to the Territorial Government, is pending before the House Interior Committee. No action scheduled. N.C.A. Fishery Products Committee recommends opposition.

Anti-merger legislation—A bill, H. R. 9424, which would require prenotification of certain mergers and permit preliminary injunctions to restrain mergers, was passed by the House April 16 and approved, July 7, by the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust and Monopoly.

Customs simplification—H. R. 6040, to revise the method by which the value of imported merchandise is determined for customs evaluation, was passed by the House June 22, 1955, and was passed by the Senate July 18.

Farm labor housing—H. R. 9600, to provide for amortization deductions with respect to housing facilities for agricultural workers, is pending before the House Ways and Means Committee. N.C.A. recommends industry support for.

Farm workers transportation—S. 3391, providing for ICC regulation of interstate transportation of migrant agricultural workers, was passed by the Senate May 1 and was reported, with amendments, by the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, July 17. N.C.A. recommends industry support for.

FDA chemical additives—Hearings on bills to regulate the use of chemical additives in food were concluded Feb. 14, but House Committee has not considered subject in executive session. N.C.A. supports (see INFORMATION LETTER of Feb. 11, page 125).

FDA codification—H. R. 6991, to revise, codify, and enact into law Title 21 of the U. S. Code entitled "Food, Drugs, and Cosmetics," was passed by the House and is pending before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Revision and Codification.

FDA imitation food—H. R. 3692, to prohibit the interstate marketing of any "imitation" of a standardized food product, even though the imitation product is plainly labeled as such, is pending before the House Interstate Commerce Committee.

FDA rule-making—H. R. 9547, to simplify procedures governing the prescribing of regulations under the Food and Drug Act, was passed by the House July 16.

Fisheries education—S. 2379, authorizing federal funds for scientific and vocational fisheries education, was passed by the Senate on May 21. H. R. 10433, a similar bill, was reported, with amendments, by the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee June 26. N.C.A. recommends industry support for.

Fisheries policy and program—S. 3275, providing for reorganization of the Fish and Wildlife Service under an Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fisheries and Wildlife, was passed by the Senate May 24 and by the House, with amendments, July 7.

Import quotas—H. R. 8954 and other bills to establish an import quota mechanism are pending before the House Ways and Means Committee.

Marketing orders—cranberries—H. R. 8384, to bring cranberries for canning under the orders provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreements Act, was favorably reported by the House Agriculture Committee July 16. No action taken by the Senate Agriculture Committee on S. 2933. N.C.A. opposes. (See story page 261).

Marketing orders—potatoes—H. R. 9484 and S. 3262, to establish a national marketing control including potatoes for canning, were introduced Feb. 22. No action scheduled. N.C.A. opposes.

Negotiated procurement—House-passed H. R. 8710 is pending before the Senate Armed Services Committee. No action scheduled. N.C.A. recommends industry support for.

OTC—H. R. 5550, authorizing U. S. participation in OTC, was reported by House Ways and Means Committee, with amendments, April 18.

Poultry inspection—S. 4243, a clean bill to provide for the compulsory inspection of poultry and poultry products by the Dept. of Agriculture was approved by the Senate Agriculture Committee July 18. A similar bill, H. R. 10514, was the subject of hearings by House Agriculture subcommittee on Poultry and Eggs July 17 and 18.

Robinson-Patman Act—H. R. 1840, providing for a good faith defense, was passed by the House June 11. A similar bill, S. 11, was approved by a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee July 7.

Social security—H. R. 7225, extending benefits under the federal social security program, was passed by the House July 19, 1955, and passed, with amendments, by the Senate July 17.

Statehood—H. R. 2535, to provide statehood for Alaska and Hawaii, was recommitted to the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

Trip-leasing—S. 898, to limit the authority of the ICC to regulate the duration of trip leases for carriers of perishable agricultural and fishery products, was passed by the Senate March 28 and passed by the House July 13.

Wage-hour coverage—Senate Labor Subcommittee held public hearings May 8-18 on all measures to extend coverage under the Fair Labor Standards Act. Subcommittee chairman transferred from the Labor Committee; no further action scheduled. House Special Subcommittee on Extension of Fair Labor Standards Act started open hearings July 18 on measures to extend the Act. N.C.A. opposes curtailment of existing seasonal exemptions.

Waste disposal—The House Ways and Means Committee has taken no action on a number of bills to allow the rapid amortization of waste disposal facilities and treatment works. N.C.A. continues to support this legislation.

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